

Surah Mulk [67 - Kingdom] - Miracle Dream Tafseer.

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Introduction:

The 29th juzz begins with the themes of the Greatness of Allah, Da'wah (inviting others) to Allah, wonders of creation. Recognising Allah's wonders and accepting Him.

- The Afterlife.
- The unseen.

Let the people soak in all that is happening around them. This is what Allah uses as discussion for people to accept belief in Him and an afterlife. Just stop and reflect on all that which is around you.

This is the main theme from Juzz/para 29 onwards till the end of the Quran.

The 29th Juzz is majority Makkan revealed, and focusing on Dawah, responsibility of one's actions, judgement day etc.

Surah Mulk is strong in tone and was revealed during the early stages of Islam. It focuses on Indhar (a wake up call of Warning). You don't have forever, you need to realise the true purpose in life and fulfill that purpose.

After the introductory parts of the surah, there are about 6-7 aayaat which are very stern against those who did not benefit from the warning, and only 1 ayah giving good news for those who obeyed it.

This surah is a good introduction in theme to the surahs which will come after it.

We will see through this surah the beautiful wonders of Allah's creation; it's consistency and balance of the to reflect on Allah's power and will.

We will see the Theme of Consistency through the words (in Classical Arabic) used in this surah.

We will also see how all the surahs' are ordered together, and how they naturally

segment and blend together.

The connection of this surah [Mulk] to the previous surah (Tahreem):

Allah mentions in surah Mulk that He will test us, who has the most excellent deeds and actions.

In surah Tahreem, Allah shows us 2 types of people;

- 1 - People who pass the tests - the wife of Pharoah, how she was severely tested and she was constant in sincerity to Allah. And also Maryam, the mother of Jesus.
- 2 - People who do not pass the tests - the wife of Prophet Noah, and the wife of Prophet Lut/Lot. She also failed the test and was a disbeliever.

Ayah 1:

تَبَارَكَ الَّذِي بِيَدِهِ الْمُلْكُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ
قَدِيرٌ

Tabaraka al-ladhee biyadihi al-mulku wa huwa AAala kulli shay-in qadeer

Tabaaraka - baraka - 2 implications:

- az-Ziyaada - to increase.
- al Bacaa - to be long/ever lasting.

To be enduring and increasing.
The core of this words meaning.

Useage In Classical Arabic:

1 - Birka: When there was an average sized pond of water which has been sitting there for a long time (maybe for a few years.) i.e. It has been long lasting.

2 - Burook al 'ibl - An agitated Camel who refuses to move after sitting down. Because he is sitting for a long time (due to anger/stubbornness).

They might also call this; Baraka al ba'eer.

So **Baraka** does not just mean blessings; it also means **Blessings which are long lasting, and continuously increasing.**

The source of these blessings is Allah, and this is why Tabaaraka is used to describe Allah [in Mubalaghah/hyperbola form - signifying that **Allah is the Most Blessed, and Enduring**].

So Allah is the Most Blessed. And this is continuously used in the Qur'an.

Aladhee - the One who... (referring to Allah.)

Why is the Name of Allah not mentioned directly?

In this surah, you have to reflect. (in ayah no. 10 - Allah tells us that those who go to hell, they will say - if only we had listened and used our intellect - we would not be of the people of the fire.)

Bi - In. [Ba (Dharfiyyah)]

[the letter 'Ba' as a word has 12 different meanings in the Arabic language]

yadiHi = His hand.

Mulk - Kingdom/kingship.

This automatically implies Milk - (Ownership).

The order of the words is important.

Ikhtisaas (Exclusivity) is used in this ayah:

Allah has been mentioned as the One who Exclusively owns the kingdom;

Compare the below:

Al Mulku biYadihee - the Kingdom is in his Hand. (this is how one would normally speak).

But Allah has said; bi Yadihee al Mulk - In his Hand is the Kingdom.

By mentioning Allah's Hand holding the kingdom, it is implying that it is in His hand ALONE where the kingdom lies.

Most Blessed is the One in whose Hand (Alone) is the Kingdom (and Ownership).

Who could that be? Allah. His Name does not even have to be said, and it let's you ponder over the aayaat of Allah.

This is an abnormal sentence structure, and this is why it makes the people think for a while when hearing it. Making them reflect on who really is the Most Blessed.

wa Huwwa - and He

'alaa kulli shay'in qadeer - over every thing Qadeer.

Qadeer - Qudrah - to have power and control and ability over something.

Qadir - one who is capable and powerful and authoritative.

QadEEr - PERMANENTLY powerful and capable.

Normal Arabic Sentence Structure:

wa huwwa qadeerun 'alaa kulli shay'. (and He is powerful over everything).

Qur'an ayah (An Abnormal sentence structure to signify Exclusivity to Allah): wa huwwa 'alaa kulli shay'in qadeerun.

- And (only) He is over everything Powerful.

Allah never just said that He has ownership and kingdom.

But just because someone has kingdom, it does not mean they have power over everything they have kingdom over.

So Exclusively - Allah has complete authority and full control.

So this 1st ayah attributes to Allah that He is Exclusively powerful and He has full control over all that He has of ownership.

Ayah 2:

الَّذِي خَلَقَ الْمَوْتَ وَالْحَيَاةَ لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ أَيُّكُمْ أَحْسَنُ
عَمَلًا ۚ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْعَفُورُ

Al-ladhee khalaqa almawta wal hayata liyabluwakum ayyukum ahsanu AAamalan wahuwa al AAazeezu al-ghafoor

Aladhee - He is the One who..

khalaqa - created

al Mawt - the Death.

Mawt - does not exactly mean Death. It is an implication of it. However, Mawt is broader than that.

Mawt is the Antonym of Hayaat (Life). So Mawt is 'Lifelessness'.

Mawt is a condition before having Life. So even before we were born - we were in a state of Mawt.

He who created Lifelessness (Mawt) and Life (Hayaat).

Allah uses the word Death in many forms:

1 - surah An'am - awa man kaana maytan fa ahyaynahu - could it be the one who was lifeless (maytan) and We gave him life.

2 - baqarah - kuntum amwatan fa ahyakum, thumma yumeekum, thumma yuhyeekum. - you were lifeless (amwatan).

3 - yuhyi al arda ba'da mawtiha - He gives life to the earth after her lifelessness.

So Allah is saying, He is the One who created Mawt (Lifelessness), and Hayaat (Life).

Why?

Li yaBluwa kum

The Ya = for the purpose of.

yaBluw - Balaa - to test/trial.

In other parts of the Qur'an, Allah uses a more heavier form. Instead of Balaa, He uses; Ibtilaa - to Severely Test.

Surah al Insan; naBtalee - we heavily Test (the human), wa ja'alnaa hu samee'un baseera (and We made him hearing and seeing).

So the overall test is a big test, will you stay sincere to Him? Even after all these blessings?

wa Huwwa al Azeez ul Ghafoor.

Ghafoor - ghafr - to Cover (sins). GhafOOr - does it ALOT.

So He covers your sins when you repent to Him, and will continuously do that if you repent to Him continuously.

This shows that He is not testing you as severely because He is continuously

forgiving you as you turn to Him in repentance.

A form of forgiving someone is a sign of lightly testing them.

So this context has more lighter testing because of Allah's Mercy being mentioned near it.

Ayy - viz-a-viz. (i.e. who)

Kum - You (Plural).

Ahsan - Excellence.

'Amala - actions.

Allah is He who created you to see
who of you will be more excellent in his deeds/actions.

And He is Azeez and Ghafoor.

Azeez - Firm and Powerful.

You would think that life is mentioned before Death/mawt.

But Allah is speaking to people who are alive, and we will experience death. So we will have life again our Death.

So we will experience Death, and then we will be given Life again.

So the point is - you better do good deeds, then you will die, and then you will be given life once again to be judged on Judgment Day by the deeds you performed. This is creating Urgency, motivating you to do the best of good deeds.

Allah's Messenger said;
akthiroo min dhikri haadimi la dhaat.

- very frequently remember that thing which destroys the sweetness/taste/pleasure in things (Death).

We should remember death and do good before our time is over. And we do not know how close we are to death.

Kum - you (plural).

Allah mentioned us in the plural because life and death applies to all of us. We will all die. Later in the surah He will talk to us as individuals.

Ayyukum ahsanu 'amala - Who of you is best in actions/deeds.
So Allah is making this like a competition for us.
Who can get the best of good deeds?

The human naturally competes with others. Allah is channeling our natural desires in competition from competing in worldly matters to competing in doing the best good deeds for Allah's sake for that Day.

Saari'oo ilaa maghfiratin min Rabbikum wa Jannaat.. (Race to Forgiveness from your Master and Gardens...)

Ahsan - Best of good deeds.

Allah did not say Akthar - Lots of good deeds.

So Ahsan implies the best of good deeds; best in quality, best type of good etc.

al Azeez - strength and firmness of Allah.

Al Ghafoor - refers to the forgiveness of Allah.

Some people fail the test (i.e. The Wives of Prophet Noah and Prophet Lut), some people pass the test (i.e. The wife of Pharaoh, and Maryam.)

The ones who do evil, Allah is Azeez (Powerful and Firm) with them. The ones who do good, Allah is Ghafoor with them, He forgives/covers their mistakes and enters them into His Paradise.

al Azeez also refers to Allah creating Death (Mawt) - He is firm in that, and unchanging in giving death.

al Ghafoor refers to Allah creating Life (Hayaat) because during our life - we continuously have the opportunity to seek Allah's forgiveness.

Ayah 3:

الَّذِي خَلَقَ سَبْعَ سَمَاوَاتٍ طِبَاقًا ۚ مَا تَرَىٰ فِي
خَلْقِ الرَّحْمَٰنِ مِن تَفَافُوتٍ ۚ فَارْجِعِ الْبَصَرَ هَلْ

قَدْ مِنْ قُطُورٍ

Al-ladhee khalaqa sabAAa samawaatin tibiaaqan, maa taraa fee khalqi ar-rahmani min tafaawutin, farji'i al basara, hal taraa min futoor.

The previous aayaat are reflections on ourselves and our life and death. Now we will reflect on what is around us.

Aladhee - He is who..

Khalaqa - Created

Sab'a - seven

Samaawaat - Heavens/skies.

Plural of Samaa' (Samaa'un - anything which is above us.)

Sometimes Allah limits the word by saying Seven samaawaat.

Sometimes He limits it by describing it with an attribute. (i.e. In ayah 5 of this surah, Allah says - Samaa'a al-Dunya - the sky closest to us).

These 7 heavens/skies have been mentioned in the Qur'an and the ahadith (i.e. Israa' wa-al Mi'raaj [the Night of Ascension]).

These heavens/skies have an attribute;

Ttibiaaqan - ttibaaq - ttabaqa:

2 Implications:

1 - For something to be one on top of another. I.e. In layers - one on top of another.

2 - Something being consistent/synchronized. (muttabaqa).

I.e. He created the 7 skies consistently.

Similar word:

Rukaaman; Allah describes the clouds as Rukaaman (scattered while being on top of another.)

But Ttibiaaqa = they are on top of each other in layers (without being scattered.)

Male or Female Plural?

Feminine Plural: It could have been in the feminine plural; Samaawaatin Ttabaqaat (/ TtabaqaatIn).

Male Plural: Ttibaaq (/TtibaaqAn) is a [male] plural.

So why is the male plural (TtibaaqA-n) used instead of the feminine plural (TtabaqaaT-In) ?

1 - Because **TtibaaqA-n (male plural) is a bigger plural. And because we are talking about the seven Big skies**, a big plural has to be used.

2 - The idea behind the word is (I.e. The Suffix _____ING attached to the end of a word i.e. runnING. Or the word 'TO' [do something])

The purpose of Ttibaaqan is to mention that the skies are piled on top of each other, consistently.

Allah is the One who created the 7 skies in layers and consistently.

One on top of each other, in consistency.

This is one of the wonders of Allah's creation.

The Wonders in the heavens/skies:

Now let's reflect on some consistencies in the sky/heaven:

1 - wa al-shamsu tajree li mustaqaril-laha - the sun moves along a very fixed path which has been assigned to it. (sura yasin)

2 - wal qamara qadarnahu manazila hatta 'aadakal urjoon-il qadeem - the moon we fix stages for it till it returns back to the crescent form (a little thin line.)

3 - The orbiting of the planets, the galaxy, everything runs smoothly in a fixed form.

The scientists say that the amount of objects in space and the speed of their orbit - they could collide and hit the earth and destroy the Earth entirely. Yet nothing destroys our planet. Or atleast it could hit the planet hard enough to take it slightly out of orbit so we couldn't survive. But instead, the human race has stayed on this planet for thousands of years in ease, in such a chaotic universe around us.

All that is summarized in the word Ttibaaqan.

مَا هُوَ فِي خَلْقِ الرَّحْمَنِ مِنْ تَفَافُوتٍ

..Maa taRaa fee khalq-i ar-Rahmani min taFaawut.

You will not see in the creation of ar-Rahman (in what He has created)

min - any

TaFaawut - inconsistency. I.e. Major consistencies. I.e. Lack of synchronization. Any misalignment.

TaFaawut in Classical Arabic has many Negative connotations.

i.e. Faatiq ul 'Amr = you Missed out.

So if there is a sale, and someone said - "Faataqa" = You missed out, your loss etc.

**TaFaawut = any type of Inconcistency.
It is hyperbolised/mubalaghah form - exaggerated.**

Any type, even in the smallest type of inconsistency in what ar-Rahman (the Most Merciful - Allah) has created.

maa TaRaa - you (singular person) will not See (in the creation of Allah any inconsistencies [taFawut]).

This is singular - so you will probably be reflecting in your mind. You should sit down/**ponder/reflect on it yourself.**

It is an individual thing when you look at the stars, the plants, the animals by yourself and see - are there any inconcistencies? You will be more truthful when you reflect by yourself in comparison to a big gathering where many people might dispute with you out of pride.

Allah generalises this ayah, moving from the skies mentioned before, to anything (maa fee khalqi- ar-Rahman) all what Allah has created.
You will not find any inconcistencies in the creation of Allah.

[Philosophical/Scientific Claim: There may be people who will try to find faults in the creations of Allah, i.e. They may say that Allah should have created something in another form.

Your Response: The response to them is that Allah made these creations in ways that allows them to function well in the way that they are.
If this person disputes that, then the challenge is for them to produce the whole being from nothing - and then to prove that this new being does not have any flaws.
This is the only way they will be able to prove that Allah's creation is inconsistent.]

Summarised Discussion:

Ayah no.2 spoke about life and death.
ayah no. 3 speaks about the sky.

Allah makes a parallel of the human beings, and the sky and it's different Phases.

In surah Inshiqaq - fa laa uqsimmu bish-shafaq (the red sky at evening), wal-layli wa ma wassaq (the darkness as it spreads), wal qamari idha tathaqq (and the moon when it comes out).

See how it progresses? The gradual phases of the night.

La tarqabunna tabbaqun 'an tabaq (surely you will (continuously) ride from one state to another [in life].) (surah Inshiqaq 84-16-19).

So Allah showed us that we will change stages in life, just as the sky changes in different stages.

This is why we (human kind) are mentioned in relation to the sky many times in the Qur'an. We will go through different phases.

Just as the sky has stages, you have stages. Just as the night occurs, just as you will die. Just as a new day begins, you will be given a new life once again.

Aside from so much we experience, Allah has saved us so much hardships.

Why is Khalqi ar-Rahman is mentioned?

The One who created us is ar-Rahman - the Most Merciful to us.

That closeness makes the ones who refuses Allah to feel ashamed. The One who has given you everything of favours, you are going to refuse His request of some obedience? Aren't you embarrassed at your ungratefulness?

Fa arji'i al Basar -

Arji' - return/take back - to the original position.

I.e. You have a bottle, and you lift it, and then place it back to it's original position = Arji'.

Basara - (Baab: If'aal) - vision and sight which makes you look and think about that thing deeply. Insight.

So Allah is telling us to go back and return our Insight on Reflection once again.

Hal TaRaa min Futoor - **Do you find any Futoor?**

Futoor - Gaps/rips/tears.

Ayah 4:

ثُمَّ ارْجِعِ الْبَصَرَ كَرَّتَيْنِ يَنْقَلِبْ إِلَيْكَ الْبَصَرُ خَاسِئًا
وَهُوَ حَاسِرٌ

Thumma irji'i al basara karratayni yanqalib ilayka al-basaru khasi-an wa huwa haseer

Thumma - Then (after some time) i.e. A happened, thumma (a little while later) B happened.

(similar word - Fa - Then [straightaway - i.e. A happened, and as a consequence - B happened.)

Thumma-arji'i al Basar KARATAYN - return your vision back again..)

Karratayn - Karra - a military strike/attack.

When they make attacks - and their successive attacks are similar in strength/consistent.

TaKraar - Repeat something over and over again in the same way.

KarratAYN - Repeat TWICE.

This does not literally imply twice, it means dual literally - but over and over again figuratively.

Consistently, with the same force.

So return back your contemplation consistently, repeatedly, after every while (thumma), with the same focus and strength. Do it often. Reflect on the creation of Allah alot, you will not (Maa = negation) see any inconsistencies in the creation of Allah.

yaNqalib - Inqalab - when something is sent forward, but it turns, in a different direction.

yanqalib ilayka al basar - your vision will return back to you changed. Your perspective will change if you look often and reflect, and you are sincere, truthful, and open minded.

Your perspective will change.

Khaasi'an - to repel, i.e. You will have been humbled, you will notice your position on Earth (i.e, as a humbled slave of Allah).

Khasa'a - In classical Arabic - it was used to Shoo a dog away from you. To kick a rock in a dogs direction so it turns away/humbled - knowing that it should not be arrogant etc.

wa huwwa Haseer (and he will be Haseer)

Haseer - worn out, tired, exhausted.

It was used by the Arabs to stare at something so your eyes will get tired.

Humiliated, humbled, and you will notice your place on earth [a humble slave of Allah who is dependant upon Him].

Raja'a - keep returning back to the original place. I.e. If you keep returning on reflection and pondering on the Most Merciful Allah's creation often.

yanQalib - your perspective will Change. **You will realise the wonders' of Allah.**

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